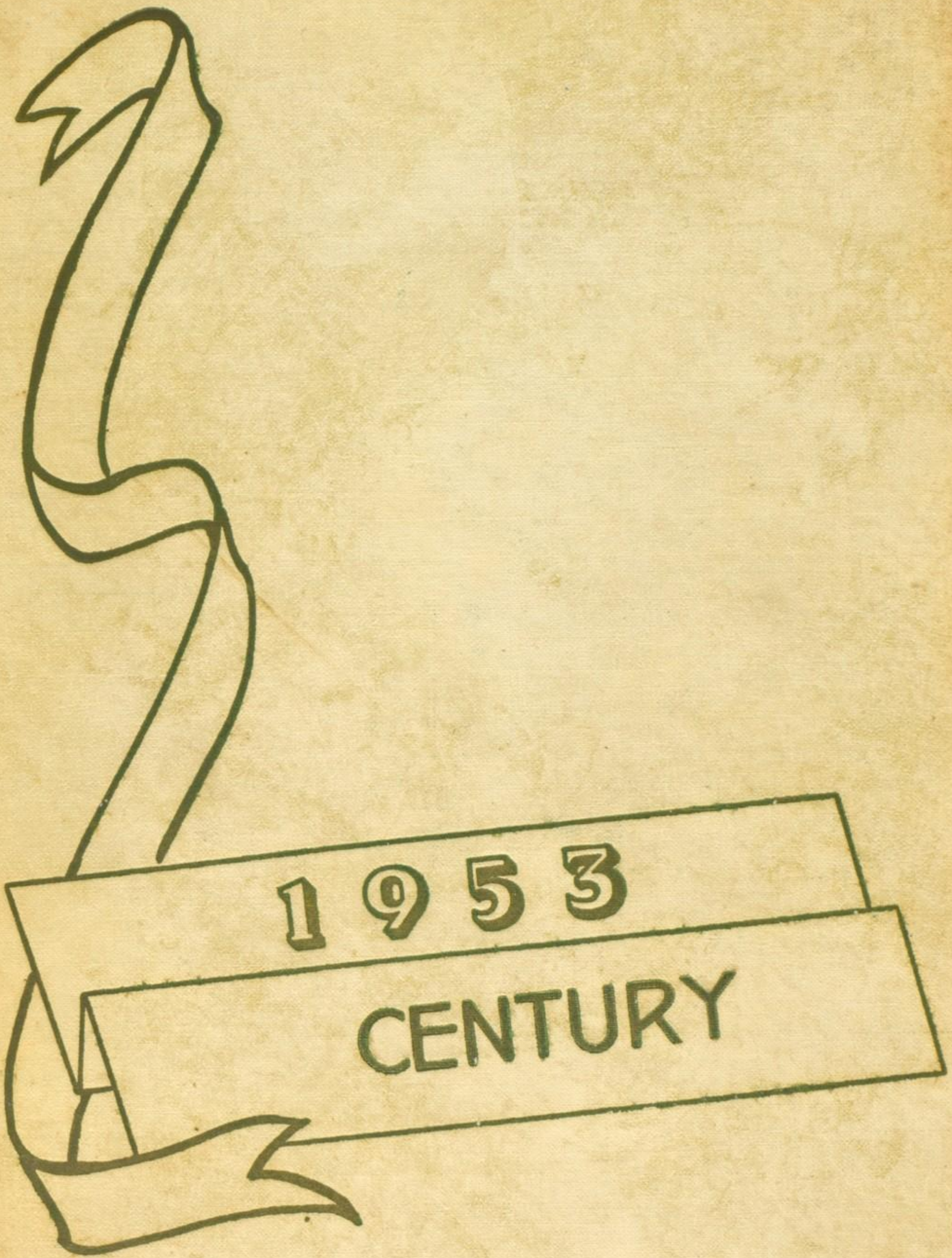
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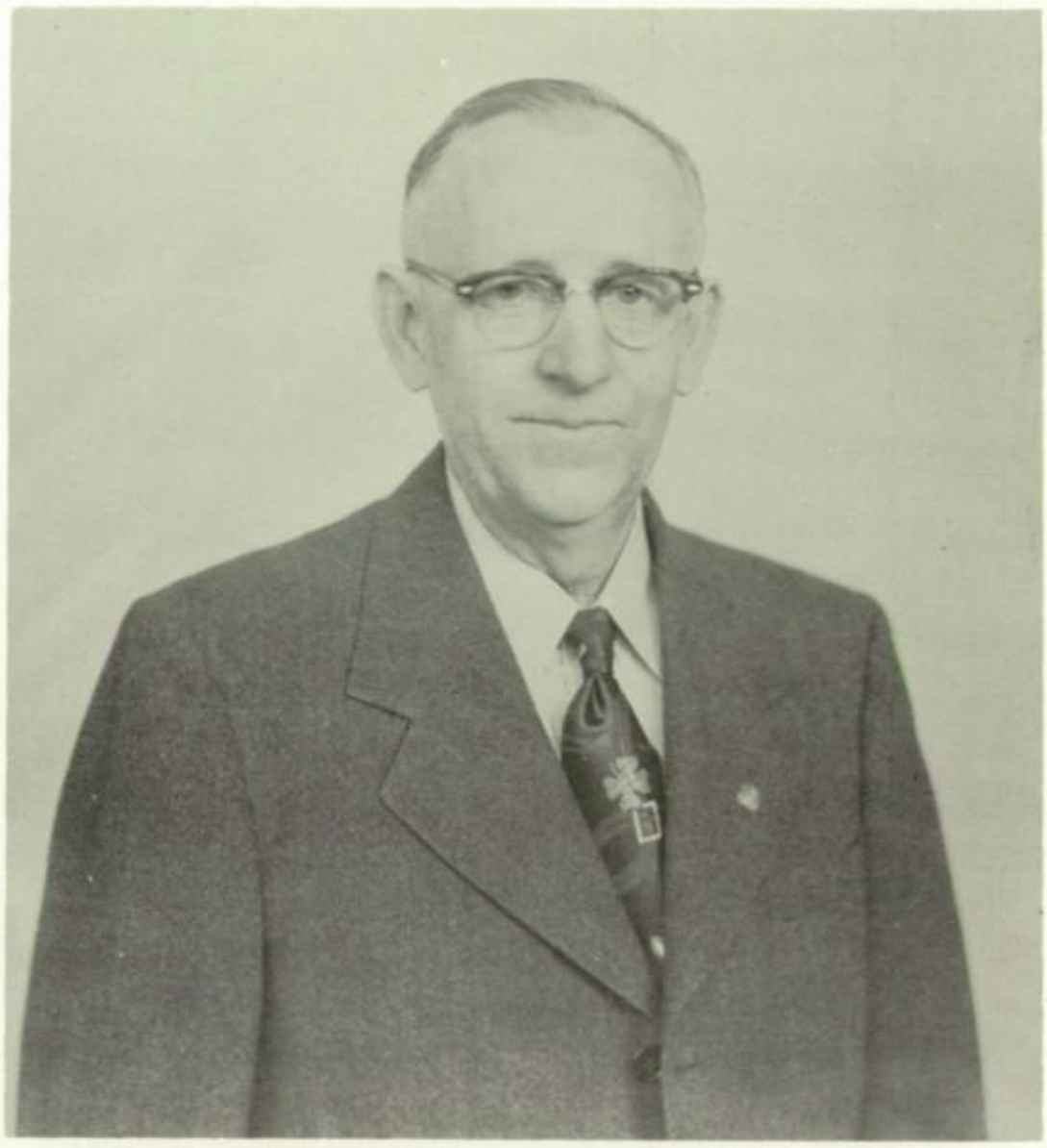

TO LOUIE — OUR EFFICIENT JANITOR

We the Seniors of 1953 dedicate this annual. No finer display of custodianship could be found anywhere. This is our thanks to you, Louie, for dustless floors, meticulous rest rooms, spotless halls, and to summarize it—for making our school one to be proud of.

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CENTURY STAFF

Standing: Marilyn Muilenburg, Dorcas Geske, Miss Moet, Rosalie Remmers.
Seated: Bonnie Strenge, Norma Jacobsen, Bruce Knock, Lorraine Stallman, Tom Bonderman, Kathy Bonsma, Eva Van Drie.

Editor	Dorcas Geske
Assistant Editor	Rosalie Remmers
Business Manager	Lorraine Stallman
Production Manager	Kathy Bonsma
Layout Managers	Eva Van Drie, Norma Jacobsen
Advertising Salesmen	Bruce Knock, Tom Bonderman
Yearbook Saleswomen	Marilyn Muilenburg, Kathy Bonsma
Art Editors	Carole Fink, Donna Miller
Sports Editors—	
Boys'—Kenneth Nicola	
Girls'—Marilyn Muilenburg	
Junior Editor	Donna Miller
Sophomore Editor	Evelyn Juber
Freshman Editor	Marlene Heilman
Eighth Grade Editor	Sandra Remmers
Snapshots	Bonnie Strenge, Kathryn Hietritter, Tom Bonderman, Marlene Dahlman
Class Will	Dorcas Geske, Eva Van Drie
Class History	Lorraine Stallman, Bonnie Strenge
Class Prophecy	Rosalie Remmers, Bruce Knock
Advisor	Miss Moet

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Administration...

SUPERINTENDENT ORVAL L. TRAIL

SCHOOL BOARD

We wish to thank the school board for their fine guidance during our high school days. They were, during our senior year, Ralph Year, Andy Knock, Donald Daggett, Ovey Vaala, and Mrs. Kenneth Graves.

HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY

MR. LAWSON
English
Play Director
Sophomore Sponsor

MISS ANDERSON
Vocal Music
Instrumental Music
Junior Sponsor

MR. ARGOTSINGER
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Eighth Health
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MR. LEONARD
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Drivers Training
Consumer Living
American Government
Eighth Reading
Junior Sponsor

MISS MOET
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Eighth Art and Spelling
Eighth Sponsor
Annual Advisor Paper Advisor

MR. STRADINGER
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Play Director
Sophomore Sponsor

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Mrs. Imhoff, Mrs. Frank Leinen, Mrs. Donald Daggett, Mrs. Laura Guetschow. Absent: Mrs. Herman Hitchcock.

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Bus N.o 2

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Mr. Pyle — Bus No. 4

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Melvin Consolidated School

Seniors...

MARILYN MUILENBURG
President

Some think the world is made for fun and frolic and so do I.

Basketball	1-2-3-4
Declamatory	2-3-4
Girls Glee Club	1-2-3-4
Paper Staff	4
Annual Staff	4
Class Play	3-4
Student Council	4
Class Officer	1-4
Magazine Captain	4
Librarian	4

KATHYJEAN BONSMA
Vice President

She's a good student, aims high, and we're sure she'll succeed.

Declamatory	3-4
Girls Glee Club	1-2-3-4
Annual Staff	4
Paper Staff	4
Class Play	3-4
Class Officer	2-3-4
Pep Club	1-2
Pianist	4
Librarian	4

LORRAINE STALLMAN
Sec.-Treas.

Some say blonds are dangerous—you never can tell.

Paper Staff	2-4
Annual Staff	4
Librarian	4
Girls Glee Club	1-2-3-4
Pep Club	1-2
Class Play	3-4
One-Act Play	4
Class Officer	2-4

W. S. FREES LUMBER COMPANY
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EVA VAN DRIE

She speaks, acts, and behaves just as she ought to.

Girls Glee Club	1-2-3-4
Pianist	2-3-4
Class Officer	2-3
Class Play	3-4
Annual Staff	4
Paper Staff	4
Librarian	4

NORMA JACOBSEN

She puts all her troubles in the bottom of her heart, sits on the lid and smiles.

Girls Glee Club	1-2
Basketball	2-3-4
One Act Play	2-3
Class Officer	3
Homecoming Queen	4
Annual Staff	4
Class Play	4

BRUCE KNOCK

It isn't everyday you find men like me.

Boys Chorus	1-2-3-4
Boys Quartette	2-3
Mixed Quartette	2-3
Mixed Chorus	2
Band	1-2-3-4
Vocal Solo	2-3-4
Class Officer	3
Class Play	3-4
Baseball	4
Pep Club	1-2
Declamatory	2
Paper Staff	1-4
Annual Staff	1-4
Student Council	3-4
One Act Play	3-4

DORCAS GESKE

From a little spark may burst a mighty flame.

Basketball	1
Girls Glee Club	1-2-3-4
Mixed Chorus	1-2
Paper Staff	1-2-4
Declamatory	3-4
Band	1-2-3-4
Annual Staff	4
Class Play	3-4
Librarian	3
Pep Club	1-2

TOM BONDERMAN

I put my worries and cares on a shelf—
I come to school to enjoy myself.

Boys Chorus	2-3-4
Mixed Chorus	2
Band	1-2-3-4
Pep Club	1-2
One Act Play	4
Class Play	3-4
Paper Staff	4
Annual Staff	4
Baseball	4

BONNIE STRENGE

Sometimes I sit and think—
and sometimes I just sit.

Girls Glee Club	1-2-4
Pep Club	1-2
Librarian	4
Class Play	3-4
Annual Staff	4
Paper Staff	4

G. P. DORSMAN
Dekalb Hybrid Seed Corn and Baby Chix

DON DEROOS
Congratulations to The Class of 1953

ROSALIE REMMERS

Not too serious—not too gay—
nice in a charming sort of way.

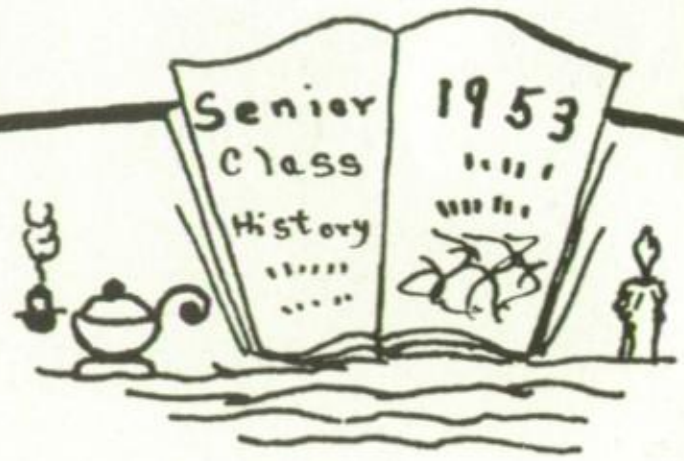
Annual Staff	2-4
Paper Staff	1-3-4
Basketball	1-2-3-4
Band	2-3-4
Girls Glee Club	1-2-3-4
Mixed Chorus	2
Sextette	2-3-4
Trio	3-4
Mixed Quartette	1-3-4
Vocal Solo	3-4
Declamatory	2-3-4
One-Act Play	3
Class Play	3-4
Student Council	3
Class Officer	1-3
Magazine Captain	1-4

SENIORS' CLASS RINGS

We received our class rings in January of 1952 when we were Juniors. It was one of the highlights of the year and we are still proud of them.

Congratulations to the Class of 1953
MELVIN SAVINGS BANK

SENIOR



Early one September morning in 1940, eight little, bashful and shy boys and girls came walking into the primary room to begin their school career. They were Harold Brandt, Ruby Frick, Donald Gorsett, Bruce Knock, Marilyn Muilenburg, Joyce Phillip, Lorraine Scherzer, and Rosalie Remmers. Only three of these are left to receive their diplomas from dear old Melvin High. They are Bruce, Marilyn, and Rosalie. Our teacher was Mrs. Ida Reicks. Oh! those dumb long socks. We just longed for a nice warm spring day so we could wear anklets again.

After the peaceful journey through kindergarten six of the starting eight came back to the first grade. Ruby Frick and Donald Gorsett left the class but Thomas Bonderman and Thomas Thompson both joined the class during the year. Marilyn and Rosalie learned that throwing wet paper towels at the ceiling could end in nothing but disaster. They had to give up those cherished recesses for a solid week. Mrs. Reicks was again our teacher.

The next year we moved across the hall and found we also had a new teacher for the second grade. She was Miss Bloemndall who kept the boys busy mailing her love letters. Gary Arnold joined the class in the beginning but left again during the year. Miss Bloemndall also left during the year to get married. Mrs. Evans then took over the task of trying to teach us some reading and simple problems.

We welcomed three new students during the third grade. They were Laura Mae Mastbergen, Larry Grooters, and Harlen Hanson. Bruce and Tommy T. were real "math sharpies." They could do an hour assignment in five minutes. Thomas Thompson left us during the year. Miss Mauer was our teacher.

The next year we really felt important for we were able to go up the stairs to the fourth grade. Norma Jacobsen joined the class but Larry Grooters left. Miss Dorothy Johnson was our teacher. Hobo parties, scavanger hunts, and fishing parties highlighted this great year.

Miss Johnson was again our teacher in the fifth grade and under her supervision we had our own band and school newspaper. Wilber De Jager and Judy Schiphoff joined the class but Wilber again left and Harlan Hanson and Marilyn Muilenburg also left.

Going across the hall we had sixth grade under the supervision of Mrs. Fern Taylor. Eva Van Drie and Marilyn Muilenburg joined the class. We formed a club in our room and used the dues for frequent ice cream parties.

In the seventh grade we again had Mrs. Taylor as teacher. The girls very proud to be the winners of the Jr. High County Basketball Tournament this year. Bonnie Strenge joined the class and Norma Jacobsen, Judy Schiphoff, and Ramona Beek left.

We moved into the assembly for the eighth grade and gained three new students, Dalton Dahl, Kathyjean Bonsma, and Lorraine Stallman. Miss Aylesworth was our sponsor. Faithful Bonnie hauled her lunches to Miss Aylesworth each noon. We diagramed sentences and made booklets until we were "blue in the face."

Ten "green" freshies started high school in 1949. If you haven't heard of girls taking shop you have now—for girls and boys alike had daily shop assignments. Marilyn however didn't get as much out of it as she should have—for her interest was in Dalton's romantic conversations. Lorraine Scherzer left us during the year and Dalton Dahl left at the end of the year.

We struggled through geometry during our sophomore year. Norma Jacobsen joined our class but left again during the year. Marilyn and Rosalie had the privilege to play in the state tournament this year. Mr. Haggblade and Mr. Stock were our class sponsors.

During our junior year we presented our class play, "Which Shall He Marry." Oh! what a time we had after those practices. We also got our class rings, but Kathy didn't seem to keep hers very long. Of course she knew where it was. Our highlight of the year was our banquet with the theme "Under Hawaiian Skies." We never shall forget those trips to Sibley when we were packed like sardines sitting on top of those grass mats we used for the terrace. Dorcas Geske joined our class at the beginning of the year.

At last we got our desks along the south wall which we have been waiting for all these years. Norma again joined our class during the year. Our stay in the Twin Cities was something none of us shall forget for many years to come. We really think it was one of the most enjoyable times we have had during our school career. The ten high and mighty seniors to receive their diplomas in 1953 from Melvin High are: Tom Bonderman, Kathyjean Bonsma, Dorcas Geske, Norma Jacobsen, Bruce Knock, Marilyn Muilenburg, Rosalie Remmers, Lorraine Stallman, Bonnie Strenge, and Eva Van Drie.

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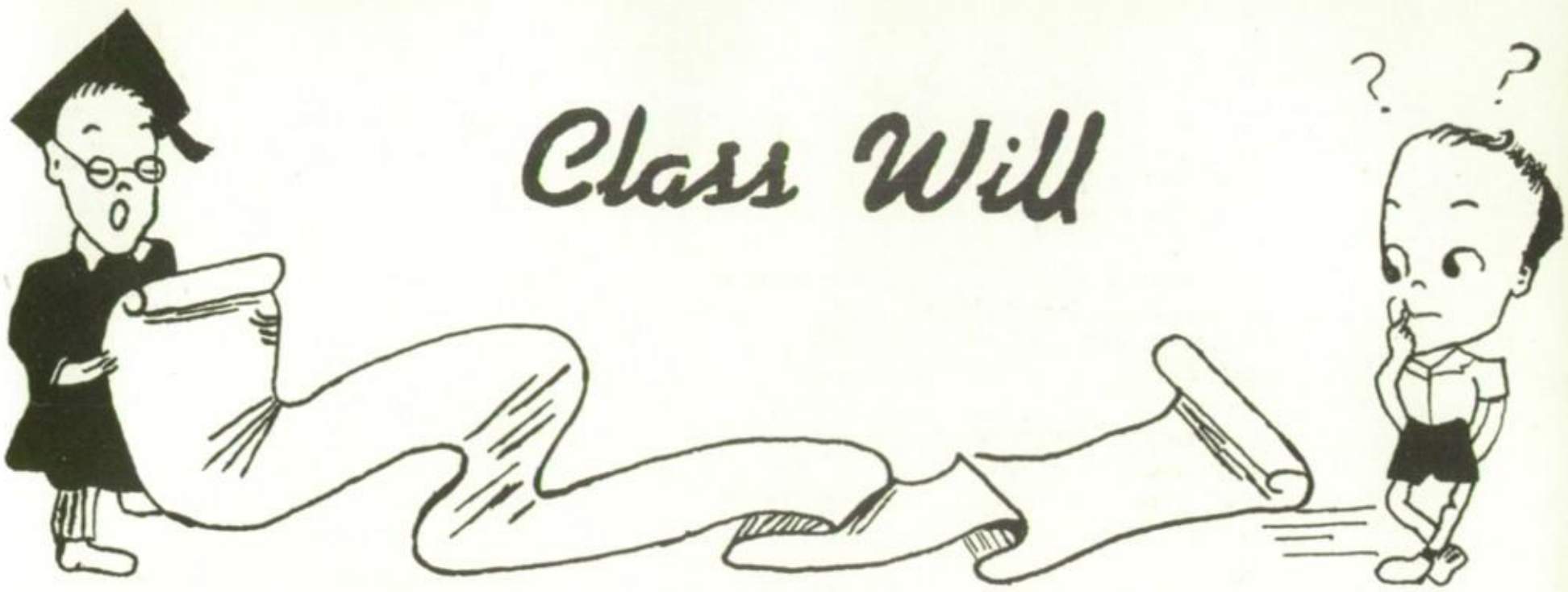
Class Will



We, the Class of '53 of Melvin Consolidated School, each member being of sound mind and overflowing with knowledge, do hereby make, publish and declare this, our last will and testament.

We do hereby dispose of such estate that we have accumulated through the four high school years.

To the Class of '54 we do hereby will and bequeath— (1) our senior dignity (2) our seat next to the south wall.

To the Class of '55 we do hereby will and bequeath all our knowledge we have heretofore attained.

To the Class of '56 we do hereby will and bequeath our ability to get and stay on the honor roll.

To the dear faculty we do hereby will and bequeath our fine ability to argue.

To whoever desires we do hereby will and bequeath our old erasers, pencil stubs and any other property left behind.

Tom wills his dancing ability to Delbert S. (Don't step on too many toes, Delbert.)

Kathy wills her Dodge pickup to Mr. Argotsinger. (Then you'll have more room.)

Dorcas wills her house next to the school to Shirley D. (Now maybe you can get to school on time.)

Norma wills her poise to Ray H. (Better start changing, Ray.)

Bruce wills his peach fuzz to Ken N. (What are you going to do with your whiskers?)

Marilyn wills her squeaking shoes to Mr. Trail. (Now you can't sneak up on us.)

Rosie wills her activeness in all activities to Merlin S. (You might have to do more than play ping pong.)

Lorraine wills her ability to blush to Margie G. (Of course we know you won't, Margie.)

Bonnie wills her love of books to Paul M. (Don't work too hard, Paul.)

Eva wills her penmanship ability to Roger G. (Maybe the teachers won't have to strain their eyes now, Roger!)

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals in the year of one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three.

The Class of '53

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the Class of '53, who, at their request, in their presence, have set our hands as attesting witnesses.

Bonnie Strenge — Marilyn Muilenburg — Norma Jacobsen
Lorraine Stallman — Kathy Jean Bosma — Dorcas Geske
Rosalie Remmers — Eva Van Drie — Tom Bonderman
Bruce Arnold

Senior Prophecy

The year, 1963. The time, anytime and the place anywhere. This is where you'll find the Seniors of 1953. This is the age of speed so it shouldn't take us long to find many, young, energetic, people. We'll travel by the new, atomic-powered ocean liner, U.S.S.D.D. Eisenhower. It is 1100 feet long and 200 feet wide and will carry 4000 passengers; therefore it wasn't too crowded. The first night, as we went down to dinner, a man made an announcement which startled us. It went something like this: "Relax awhile, to the music with a smile. Listen to Baron Bonderman's Bluenotes. Not only do we have blue notes, we have red notes, green notes, orange and even polka-dotted notes." We knew after they had played a few

numbers that it must be Tom Bonderman for no one can play the polkas like that. Afterwards, Tom came over to talk to us. He told us that he had been hired to play for the King of Slabovia and his many wives and was playing on the cruise to make a few extra "bucks." Tom wasn't married but was thinking about it. We certainly could see that this boy was going places.

Tom asked us to come down to his state-room because he was having a party for some of his friends. They turned out to be none other than Bonnie Strenge and Marilyn Muilenburg. Bonnie told us she was a ballet dancer and was on her way to Paris to study dancing the real Paris way. We coaxed her to entertain us awhile and we were amazed by her skill and daintiness as she flung herself through all types of spins. "Mully" was employed as head chef aboard the lines. According to her, she was doing fine, and she showed us her menu. There was Steak ala Muilenburg, Potatoes ala Muilenburg, Salad ala Muilenburg, Shrimp Cocktail ala Muilenburg and even sauerkraut ala Muilenburg. After talking over old times, we all decided to see Paris together after docking.

The next day we went on deck to play a little shuffle board. A player caught our eye. She was blond, had a beautiful tan, and seemed to be all over the deck. As she came up we knew that it must be our classmate Rosalie Remmers. We asked Rosie where she had been and after a few indirect questions we found she had been married three times. Her first husband was a bartender, the second a Texas oil tycoon, the third was a movie star. With a little hesitation, she finally admitted that she now was in pursuit of Ally Khan.

We sauntered on down to the swimming pool and as we came close, a crowd was standing about. It seems that a lady was giving a diving exhibition. She stood poised on the board and then executed a triple somersault, jacknife dive. "Ooohs" and "aahs" were heard around the pool—then we heard someone say that it was the life guard—Miss Eva Van Drie. Could it be—could it possibly be the same school pal of ours who was such an expert typist. Hurriedly we rushed to the pool to greet the drenched miss and immediately she recognized us. She invited us for a snack and we talked over memorable times. We asked her about Kathy Bonsma. This was the particular reason Eva brought us to this snack bar, for by sheer coincidence, Kathy was to meet her there. A tall, attractive lady with a very familiar twinkle in her eye was coming toward us. Accompanying her was a short French looking fellow. Yessir, it was Kathy and her "hubby" (so we found out after introductions). She changed her name from Bonsma to Cavier and they were on their way to Paris to open their Wall Paper Designing Shop. They specialized in the color of yellow. Isn't that funny. We previously knew her for her declam selection on Yellow Wallpaper and then to think she was that crazy about it to go into designing work.

Bidding "adieu"—we had an afternoon before us to do just as we liked. Touring the deck—we met a bald-headed man with a fringe of blond hair over the ears and in his hand was a brief case. He was selling handy, dandy, super-accurate slingshots. He didn't pass the chance of selling his "contraptions" to anyone—so we were next on the list. He no more than flashed the sling-shot in our faces than we were certain that the salesman was Bruce Knock. We invited him to a pot of tea and during our conversation, he explained to us that he had been betting at the horse races and was "flat" broke. You can bet your life, he left us with the lunch bill and two, handy, dandy, super-accurate sling-shots.

We decided to continue our tour by going through the captains exclusive headquarters. After entering the office, our eyes focused on a strikingly familiar secretary. How odd to find several of our class-mates on the same ship! Yet there was no mistake in that blushing smile of Lorraine Stallman. What a reunion we had recollecting our previous experiences together! Her eyes sparkled (almost as much as that diamond on her finger), as she led us through the tour. Lorraine was positively elated over the big, ship wedding the captain and she was to have the following week. We both received nautical wedding invitations when suddenly we realized it was time to don our finest "bib and tuckers" for we were going to have an extravagant, last night out.

Down to Ike's Clubroom we went, and such beauty and finery we have never set eyes upon before. Immediately, as we sat down, a charming hostess handed us a menu and made us comfortable. We wouldn't have recognized her if she hadn't asked us our names and recognized us first. It was no wonder—for in place of her long blond trusses Norma Jacobsen has a coal black "feather cut." We weren't a bit surprised at her position for we remembered her efficient service at Jacobsen's Cafe in good ol' Melvin. She told us to take notice of the special attraction tonight. No sooner was that said when Bonderman's Bluenotes struck up a loud introduction as Tom, presented the "World's Most Popular Mezzo-Soprano—Miss Dorcas Geske." Her voice seemed unbelievable for such a small lady. It was a magnificent performance of "The Desert Song." After throwing kisses following the loud ovation she received, we rushed back stage to greet her. Indeed, she was the same Dorcas of olden days—making extra money so she could carry on her scientific experiments in the London Observatory.

This ended a perfect night and also a perfect voyage. What could be nicer than a visit with all our classmates—finding each one successful and happy?

Juniors...

JUNIORS

Virgil Strang

Bernice Schultz

Kathryn Heitritter

Carl Griese

Phyllis Henaman

Donna Miller

Phyllis Gonnerman

Jo Ann Siedsma

Carole Fink

Raymond Hartwig

Shirley Dvorak

Miss Anderson

Mr. Leonard

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JUNIOR CLASS PLAY CAST

Mr. Stradinger, Phyllis Gonnerman, Raymond Hartwig, Carl Griese, Phyllis Henaman, Carole Fink, Virgil Strang, Kathryn Heitritter, Shirley Dvorak, Donna Miller, Bernice Schultz, JoAnn Seidsma.

Our junior class consisted of eleven members with Miss Anderson and Mr. Leonard as our sponsors.

The officers we chose were president, Shirley Dvorak; vice president, Phyllis Gonnerman; secretary, Bernice Schultz; treasurer, Donna Miller; reporter, Kathryn Heitritter; and student council representative, Raymond Hartwig.

We presented our class play "Million Dollar Cook" at the beginning of the year under the direction of Mr. Stradinger. It was hard work but we also had fun giving it.

We felt more than pleased when we received our class rings. It made us feel more like we were officially juniors.

Probably the highlight of our busy junior year was giving the Junior-Senior Banquet.

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Sophomores...

SOPHOMORES

Dennis Brunk

Barbara Knock

Dorothy Stevens

Phyllis Mohlenkamp

Marilee Streeter

Colleen Woltersdorf

Suzanne Jobes

Kenneth Nicola

Alice Noethe

Sharlene Boernsen

Delbert Schultz

Marilyn Knock

Evelyn Juber

Lyle Muilenburg

Marlene Dahlman

Absent: Bob Heimsoth

Mr. Stradinger

Mr. Lawson

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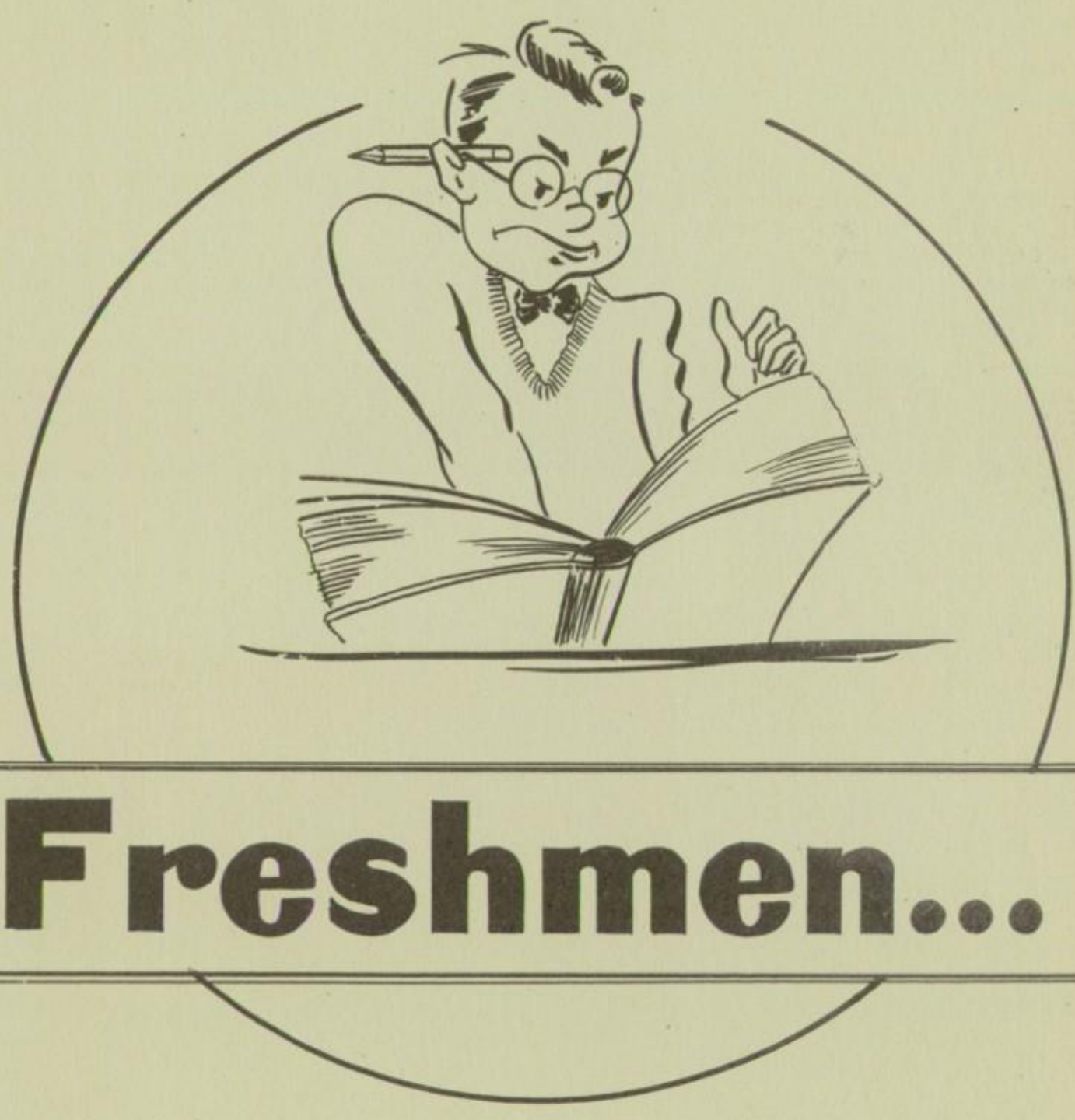
SOPHOMORES

Here are the sixteen sophomores, supposedly hard at work, I wonder?? We started the school year with sixteen members, eleven girls and five boys. In November, Clarence Stallman left us, and Robert Heimsoth joined us in January. The courses taken by members of the school are world history, English, general business, driver's training, and home economics.

Members of our class participated in baseball, basketball, band, declamatory, debate, paper staff and one-act plays. We are looking forward very much to being juniors next year. Our class officers are Marilee Streeter, president; Evelyn Juber, vice president; Colleen Woltersdorf, secretary; Suzanne Jobes, treasurer; and Lyle Muilenburg, student council representative. Our class sponsors are Mr. Stradinger and Mr. Lawson.

HARTLEY CREAMERY

Cream and Eggs



Freshmen...

FRESHMEN

Orville Dummett

Norma Siedsma

Terry Graves

Marlene Heilman

Gary Daggett

Merlin Schweback

Sharon Remmers

Roger Gonnerman

Margie Graves

Bernard Strang

Gary Schroder

Lois Smitherman

Calvin Benz

Patsy Pohlman

Gary Brummer

Paul Mitchell

Sharon Dirks

Mr. Argotsinger

Gladys Fink

Donald Schilling

H. & H. CAFE

Lunches — Meals — Cigarettes — Candy

Ice Cream and Soft Drinks

FRESHMEN

When school started this year there were nineteen freshmen to start on the adventure of going to high school.

To help us through our adventure were Mr. Argotsinger, sponsor; Terry Graves, president; Paul Mitchell, vice president; Gary Schroder, secretary; Patsy Pohlman, treasurer; Orville Dummett, reporter, and Roger Gonnerman, student council representative.

We all took algebra, English, and general science. The boys took shop and made some projects and learned how to draw. The girls took home economics and also worked on projects in addition to cooking.

Several members of our class participated in declam in fact, Terry Graves and Orville Dummett went to the pre-district with their humorous readings, and Terry received a one-rating there too.

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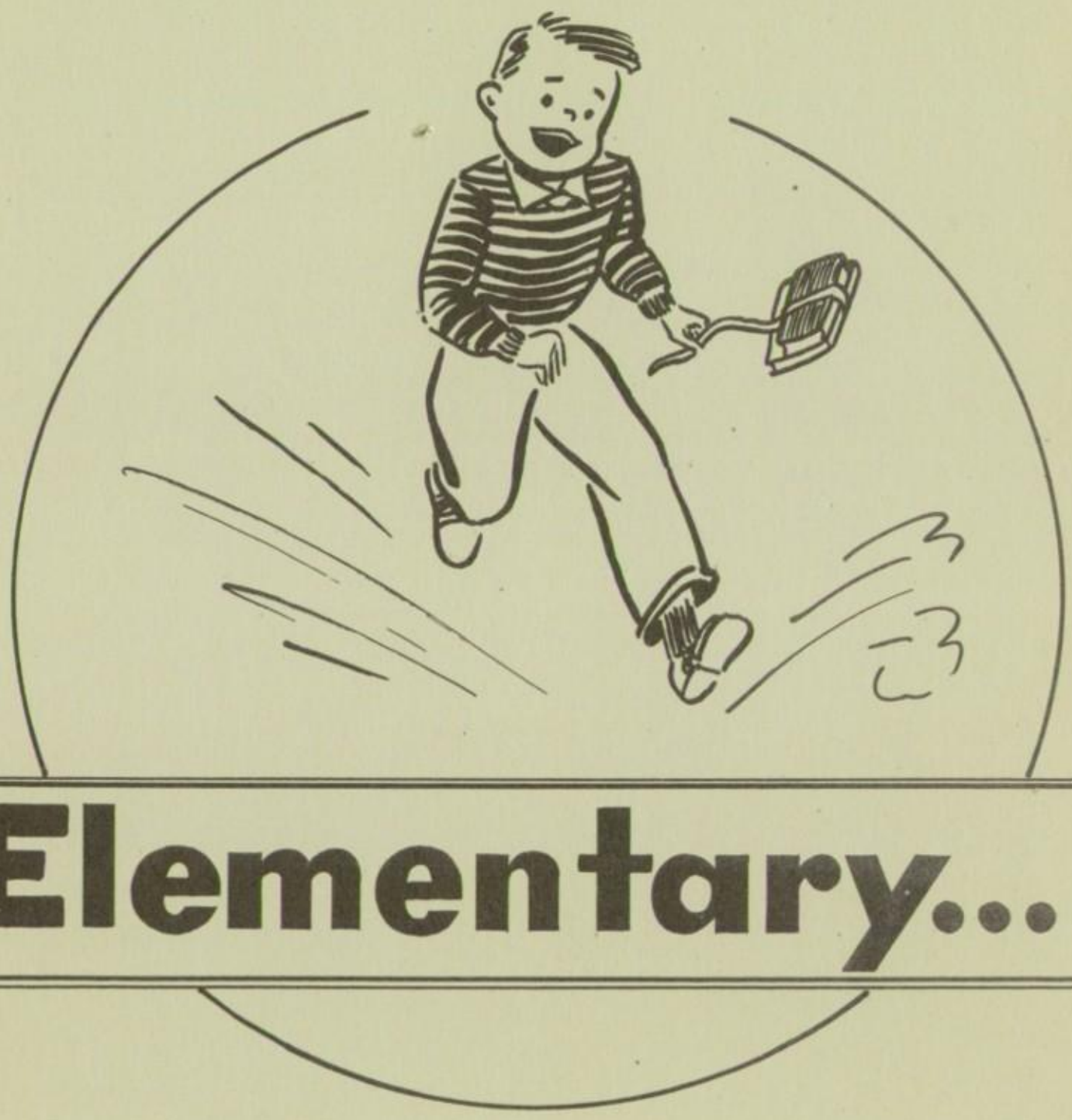
DR. C. J. PRIMISING
Veternarian



Elementary...

EIGHTH GRADE

Betty Hesebeck

Marilyn Noble

Virgil Fink

Dale Heitritter

Susan Steinmetz

Daryl Thies

Barbara Huck

Sandra Remmers

Jacky Grau

Glen Strenge

Fred Brummer

David Graves

Judy Davids

Patsy Knock

Larry Brunk

Jerry Guetschow

Roger Remmers

Kathleen Mohlenkamp

Thelma Becker

Janice Walker

Joanne Seivert

Leila Monkemeier

Kenneth Scholten

Karen Graves

Miss Moet

NEILSEN RADIO AND TV — Sibley, Iowa
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On September first, twenty-four eighth graders started on an imaginary journey around the world.

We elected as class officers, president, Glen Strenge; vice president, Thelma Becker; secretary, Joanne Seivert; treasurer, Leila Monkemeier; reporter, Marilyn Noble; student advisory representative, Barbara Huck; and sponsor, Miss Moet.

We started in the Soviet Union first because it is the biggest country. We studied this in social science. Traveling through Europe, we renewed some of the old ballads, in reading. We spent Christmas in Africa and had a nice Christmas party sponsored by the Seniors. Going through Africa we wanted to talk to some of the Americans there, so we used our best English which we had learned in English class. The class enjoyed some good programs. We saw magicians, scientists, trampoline stars, Al Bell and others. We enjoyed these performances very much. Then we sailed over to South America. We learned in health class that South Americans should be very clean to protect themselves from diseases. They could also use more scientific inventions, some of which we learned in science class.

Getting our tickets to go home, we had to write our names on them correctly. We learned to spell and write new words in spelling.

Figuring our ticket fare involved the figuring which we had learned in math class.

We are home now and looking forward to the time when we can change desks taking the freshmen's places and giving our places to some new eighth graders.

PETE MUILENBURG
Hog Buying and Trucking

SEVENTH GRADE

Gary Jurgemeyer

Mona Nicola

James Kruse

Jane Folkers

Sherry Leinen

Steve Pohlman

Richard Graves

Jay Graves

Conrad Fink

Marilyn Dummett

Lowell Daggett

Arnold Dwire

Rudy Jacobsen

Joan Brunk

Earl Siedsma

Mr. Mottinger

Absent: Terry Stahl

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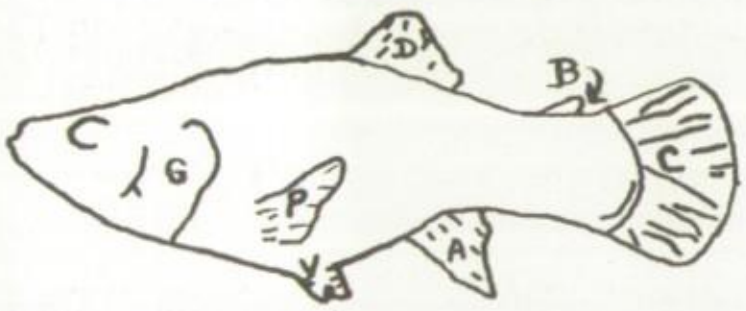
SEVENTH GRADE

Our Aquarium started last fall when we decided to have some life in our room. We first experimented with plants and ants. Neither of these satisfied.

We decided to have an aquarium of tropical fish and plants. The school sent to Ohio for a completely furnished aquarium. It was to have had filter and pump system, plants, sand, snails, fish and etc. But to our dismay the aquarium came broken and the pump and filter system didn't come at all.

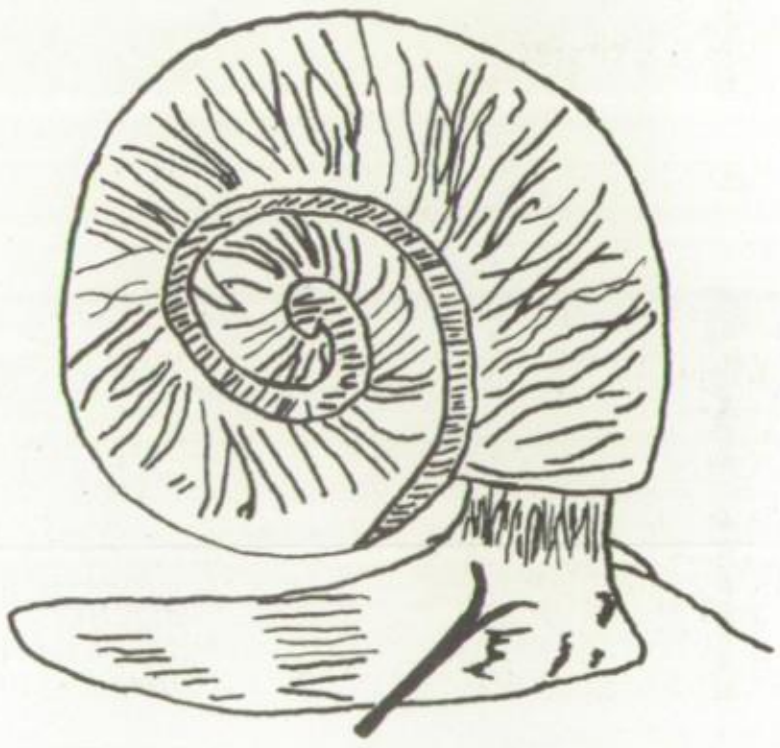
We took the plants, snails, and sand which we had been sent and planted them in a smaller aquarium which we were able to obtain. We added three gold fish, but one died. Now our snails are older and we are in the snail producing business. If you are in the market for snails see us.

TROPICAL FISH



a. anal fin
b. adipose fin
c. caudal fin
d. dorsal fin
g. gill cover
p. pectoral fin
v. ventral fin

RED RAMSHORN SNAIL



SIXTH GRADE

Linda Lettengarver

Tommy Graves

David Peters

Marlys Stellingwerf

Larry Remmers

Judy Knock

Claramay Schweback

James Habben

Nancy Smitherman

Larry Struyk

Gerald Van Metteren

Gail Evans

Karla Jobes

Margaret Dean

Curtis Harms

Mrs. Pohlman

Absent: Sharon Joines

SIXTH GRADE

Here we are, not hard at work, but we will be very soon. We have three rows of desks and everyone is in the pictures except Tommy Graves who snapped the picture with his flash-bulb camera. You can see our citizenship poster and some of our maps.

Here we are, underneath the big tree in our schoolyard on a sunny February day. We have seven lively boys and eight good looking girls as you can see. David Peters decided to be in both pictures. Curtis Harms seems tired but we think it was the weather.

Our room is in the southeast corner of the addition. It is small but there are only fifteen of us and we keep very busy. Mrs. Pohlman is our teacher.

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Maurice Heilman

Barbara Jobes

Jerry Pohlman

Judith Saienga

Michael Streeter

Gail Fink

Orville Brummer

Jerilyn Muilenburg

James Schaa

Donna Dirks

Robert Kruse

Sharon McDougall

Miss Post

Paul Pohlman

Berdena Eggink

Monte Noethe

Glenn Jobes

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FIFTH GRADE

Here we are, busily taking a test. Our room is located in the northwest corner of the new addition. As you can see in the photos, we have a combination of both old and new desks in our room. We were happy this year to get two new, matching bulletin boards and also an easel for painting. We also had fun and learned of the value of good food from taking care of our white rats.

This year we were sorry to have Michael Streeter leave our group. We finished the school year with a class of seventeen; nine girls and eight boys.

It looks as if the girls are having a good time just talking, while our boys have taken a more dignified pose for the camera.

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Edith Colshan

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Kathy Steinmetz

Gary Graves

Penny Year

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Judy Brunk

Tom Benz

Sandra Struyk

Ronald Brink

Laura Siedsma

Kenneth Schilling

Jim DeRoos

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FOURTH GRADE

We started our year with eighteen pupils. Kenneth Schilling left us in February, so that left us with seventeen to find our way to the fifth grade.

The first week of school we gave a Garden Show Exhibit. Our mothers came, and many of the grades.

We enjoyed having our visitors every week this year.

Our room has two new geography helps. They are a globe, and a set of maps.

Mrs. Sorensen is our teacher.

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Jo Ann Strucken

Danny Jobes

Carol Becker

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Mary Sue McDougall

David Jacobs

Nancy Steinmetz

John Noethe

Cheryl Dahlman

Russel Graves

Bonnie Colshan

Mitchell Spletter

Barbara Harms

Eugene Van Metteren

Gloria Saienga

Clate Dean

John Heimsoth

Miss Jacobs

James Heimsoth

Dennis Heilman

THIRD GRADE

This year our class lost one member, but we also gained three. Now there are twenty-three of us.

Science and history are our favorite subjects. We have new illustrated science books, and a history book packed with interesting stories of pioneer children. Above that we have interesting times of class discussion often relating our own experiences and sometimes drawing things about which we learn. Our favorite language project was giving a play for the other grades. Our teacher is Miss Jacobs.

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SECOND GRADE

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Patty Peters

David Benz

Pam Year

Kenn Remmers

Larry Griese

Renee Remmers

Gary Harders

Connie Seivert

Marlene Eckhoff

David Krieg

Roxie Remmers

James Hesebeck

Jeffery Winkel

Jacquelin Knock

Bobby Bixenman

Larry Schaa

Richard Siedsma

Raymond Jacobsen

Daniel Stevens

Ellen Pyle

Miss Pedley

Billy Noble

There were twenty-six second grade pupils enrolled the first day of school. In December Raymond Jacobsen moved to Melvin to join us making twenty-seven in our room. The last of February Connie Klatt moved away leaving twenty-six.

Throughout the year we have had three reading groups. Each group has worked to do the very best to their ability.

The main accomplishment in numbers was to learn simple addition and subtraction facts with other work on counting by 2's, 5's, and 10's, telling time, measurement and various other things.

Art work has consisted of drawing, cutting, spatter painting, paper construction, crayon work and other miscellaneous work.

Our room is on the first floor in the northwest corner. Our teacher is Miss Pedley.

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Tommy McDougall

Barbara Dean

Donald Koele

Linda Weichert

Gene Streeter

Sandra Steinmetz

Marne Jurgemeyer

Ruth Evans

Rodney Brandt

Gordon Nicola

Dianne Noble

Dale Stahl

Mary Strubbe

Curtis Becker

Tommy Timmons

Mrs. Agrotsinger

Jackie Davids

Absent:

Roseann Joines

Francis Majerus

FIRST GRADE

The school year of 1952-53 has certainly proved to be a busy one for all of us in the first grade.

Not only have we undertaken the great task of learning to read, write, talk, and spell correctly but have also taken an active part in our programs; the Christmas and dental programs and grade school operetta

One of the main objectives this year was to plan and carry out good classroom parties. This we accomplished quite well in our four main parties of the year: Halloween, Christmas, Valentines Day, and Easter.

We are very proud to have been one of the first rooms to have contributed 100% to the Junior Red Cross and to have the most dental cards returned.

We started this year's term with 20 pupils. Donald Koele, Mary Heimsoth, Francis Majerus, and Roseann Joines joined us during the year and Gene Streeter left us. We finished with 10 girls and 13 boys. Mrs. Argotsinger is our teacher.

KINDERGARTEN

Edgar Van Meeteren

Janet Knock

Gary Lawson

Vicki Da Young

Timmy Pyle

Leila Strenge

Ronald Rieck

Linda Brink

Mark Benz

Marlene Bixenman

Keith Jobes

Kay Jordan

Robert Gettier

Marilyn Harmelink

Wayne Schaa

Connie Knapp

Teddy Fink

Kathryn Saienga

Jacky Benz

Ronald Hesebeck

Stanley Dirks

Ruth Elaine Trail

Henry Eggink

Carol Schiphoff

Bernice Noethe

Karen Jacobs

Miss Jurrens

KINDERGARTEN

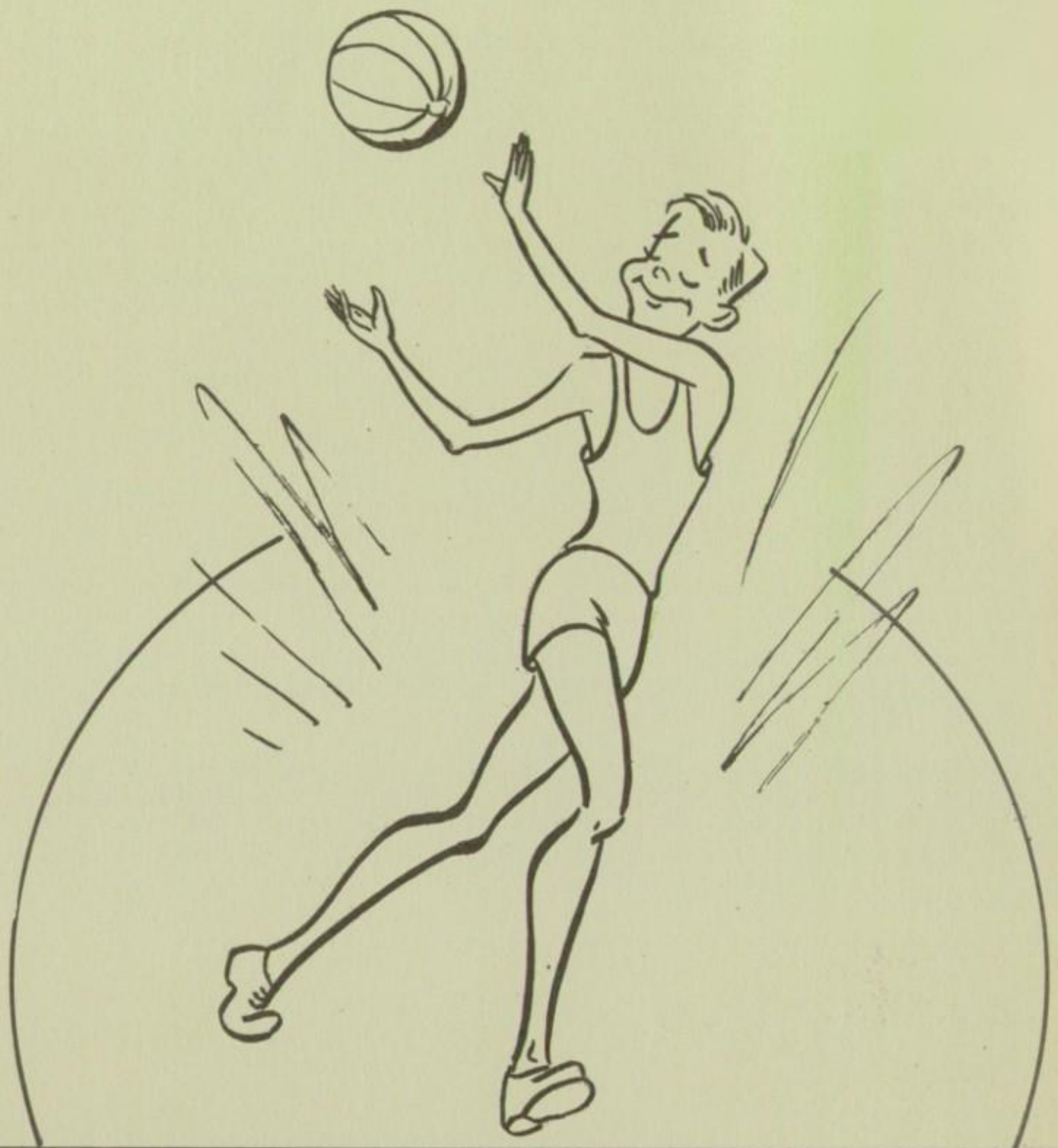
Here we are, the kindergarten boys and girls. We have 13 boys and the same number of girls making a total of 26. We started out with 27 pupils but Lyn Draper moved to Inwood. After these pictures were taken, Keith Jobes left to attend a country school. Now we have a total of 25.

We especially enjoyed making and decorating gingerbread men just before the Christmas Holiday Season.

We appreciate having the assembly piano in our room. Our singing games, musical stories, songs, rhythm work and rest period is more fun using the piano.

All of us enjoy stories shown on flannelgraph. We also like to do dramatizations.

These are some snaps of us as we are expressing ourselves using our paint brushes.



Athletics ...

JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL

Back Row: Judy Knock, Mr. Mottinger, Mona Nicola, Gail Evans.
Front Row: Sandy Remmers, Jacquelyn Grau. Karen Graves, Janice Walker, Joanne Seivert, Patsy Knock, Joan Brunk, Kathleen Mohlenkamp, Sherry Leinen, Susan Steinmetz, Marilyn Noble, Marlys Stellingwerf.

Back Row: Jimmy Schaa, Terry Stahl, Mr. Mottinger, David Graves, Conrad Fink, Paul Pohlman.
Front Row: Lowell Daggett, Steve Pohlman, Kenneth Scholten, Richard Graves, Jerry Guetschow, Jay Graves.

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GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Back Row: Kathryn Heitritter; Suzanne Jobes; Carole Fink; Donna Miller, manager; Mr. Argotsinger, coach; Gladys Fink; Evelyn Juber, Barbara Huck.
Front Row: Marilyn Muilenburg, Marilyn Knock, Norma Jacobsen, Shirley Dvorak, Dorothy Stevens, Rosalie Remmers, Barbara Knock.
Absent: Mrs. Argotsinger.

We consider our girls' basketball season a very successful one. Melvin's record has been better in past years but we feel that 18 wins and 5 losses is not so bad. Out of our squad we will loose 3 girls, namely, Marilyn Muilenburg, Norma Jacobsen, Rosalie Remmers. At the climax of the year we had two girls, Rosalie Remmers and Shirley Dvorak, mentioned on the honor roll. We all feel that these girls really earned it. To end the season we went to Des Moines to see the girls' State Tourney.

Melvin 66	Everly	37
Melvin 84	Ocheyedan	55
Melvin 66	Harris	37
Melvin 57	Sanborn	42
Melvin 52	Hartley	63
Melvin 62	Little Rock	37
Melvin 70	Archer	38
Melvin 81	Lake Park	70
Melvin 64	Ashton	52
Melvin 76	Ocheyedan	53
Melvin 61	Harris	32
Melvin 54	Corwith	60
Melvin 56	Hartley	69

Melvin 57	Lake Park	51
Melvin 84	Ashton	85
Melvin 61	Sanborn	47
Melvin 74	Little Rock	35
Melvin 75	Ocheyedan	54
	County Tourney	
Melvin 66	Harris	41
Melvin 77	Ashton	65
	Sectional Tourney	
Melvin 67	Sanborn	53
Melvin 55	Royal	58
Melvin 66	Ashton	39

Back Row: Orville Dummett; Paul Mitchell; Gary Daggett, Manager; Mr. Argotsinger; Terry Graves; Bernard Strang.
Front Row: Gary Brummer; Roger Gonnerman; Gary Schroder; Kenneth Nicola; Robert Heimsoth; Lyle Muilenburg; Calvin Benz.

For the boy's squad and the coach it was a very rough season against overpowering odds. There was the height disadvantage, other teams had more experience, and the Melvin team was composed of only freshmen and sophomores. Even against these odds the boys piled up a fair average of 35 points per game.

The boys and coach, through all their losses, never gave up hope that someday the team would be on the winning side.

In boy's baseball it was also a tough battle. As in basketball, they just lacked the experience to win the games. The boys show signs of having a winning team, but at the present the lack of experience holds them back.

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BOYS' BASEBALL

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Front Row: Lyle Muilenburg, Gary Brummer, Virgil Strang, Raymond Hartwig, Kenneth Nicola, Gary Schroder, Bruce Knock, Roger Gonnerman.

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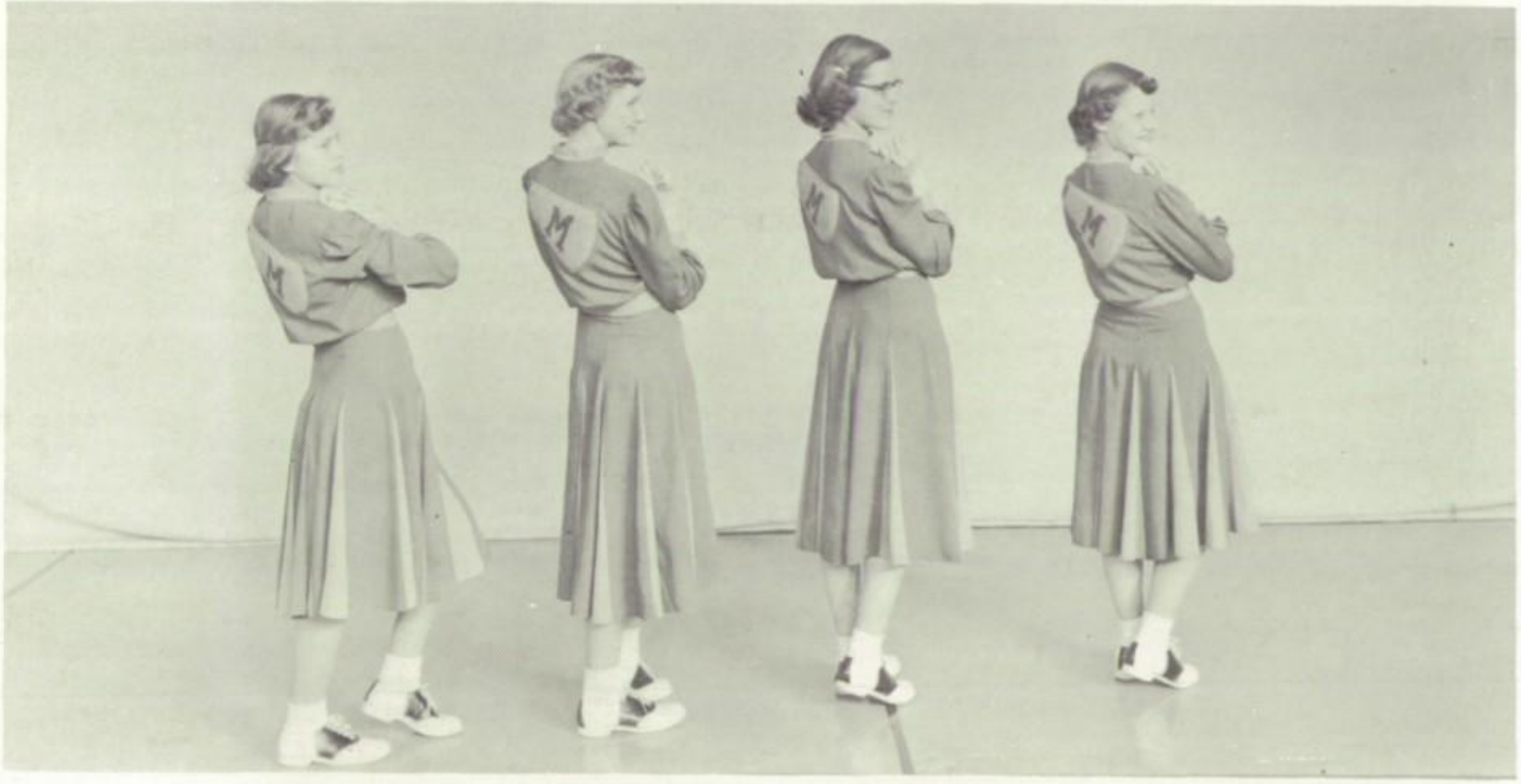

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Middle Row: Orville Dummett, Terry Graves, Dorcas Geske, Roger Gonnerman, Gary Schroder, Tommy Graves.
First Row: Bruce Knock, Shirley Dvorak, Marilyn Knock, Evelyn Juber, Kenneth Nicola, Colleen Woltersdorf, Gary Brummer, Joanne Seivert.

JUNIOR BAND

Back Row: Miss Anderson, Sandra Struyk, Donna Brandt, Larry Noble, Paul Mitchell, Larry Brunk.
Front Row: Mona Nicola, Linda Lettengarver, Nancy Smitherman, Marilyn Dummett, Sherry Leinen, Jimmy DeRoos, Tommy Graves.

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Middle Row: Rosalie Remmers, Marlene Heilman, Eva Van Drie, Carole Fink, Shirley Dvorak, Donna Miller, Dorothy Stevens, Kathy Bonsma, Gladys Fink, Evelyn Juber, Miss Anderson.
Front Row: Patsy Pohlman, Barbara Knock, Colleen Woltersdorf, Phyllis Henaman, Marlene Dahlman, Marilee Streeter, Sharlene Boernsen, Phyllis Mohlenkamp, Phyllis Gonnerman, Dorcas Geske, Marilyn Muilenburg, Sharon Remmers.

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Front Row: Carl Griese, Calvin Benz, Kenneth Nicola, Raymond Hartwig, Roger Gonnerman, Paul Mitchell, Orville Dummett.

SEXTETTE

Barbara Knock, Rosalie Remmers, Marilyn Knock, Suzanne Jobes, Shirley Dvorak, Donna Miller.

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Seated: Lorraine Stallman, Marilyn Muilenburg, Bonnie Strenge, Kathy Bonsma, Bruce Knock, Dorcas Geske.

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Middle Row: Phyllis Henaman, Margie Graves, Patsy Pohlman, Mr. Trail, Phyllis Mohlenkamp. Alice Noethe, Sharon Dirks.
First Row: Norma Siedsma, Evelyn Juber, Marlene Heilman, Kathy Bonsma, Shirley Dvorak, Suzanne Jobes, Rosalie Remmers.

This year we had more out for declam than ever before. In fact we had so many that we had a two-evening declam contest. The first evening we had the humorous and dramatic divisions. Nine entered humorous and four entered dramatic. The second evening we had one radio speaker, one original oratory, and four orations, plus two one-act plays.

After the preliminary contest at George there were only four left to go on to Orange City in the pre-district contest. These were Terry Graves, and Orville Dummett, with their humorous selections, Dorcas Geske with her original oratory, and Rosalie Remmers with her radio speech.

Emerging from the pre-district contest as winners were Terry and Rosalie. Rosalie competed at the district contest at Hartley and received a number one rating.

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Front Row: Bruce Knock, Tom Bonderman.

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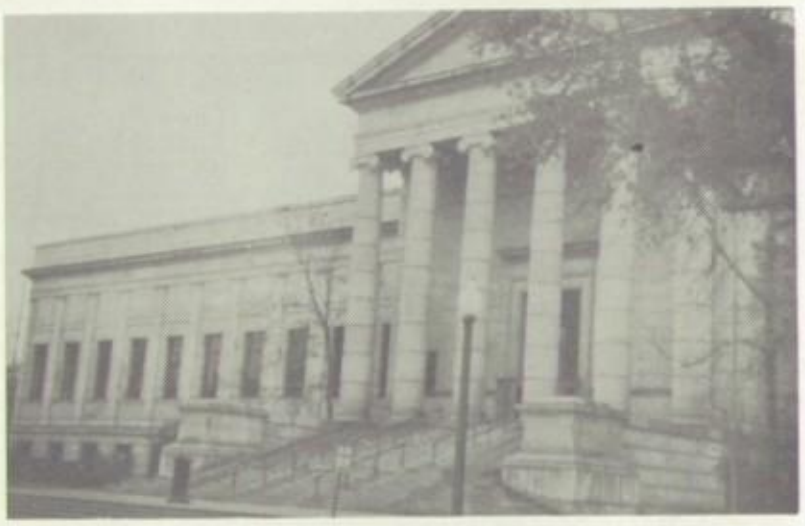

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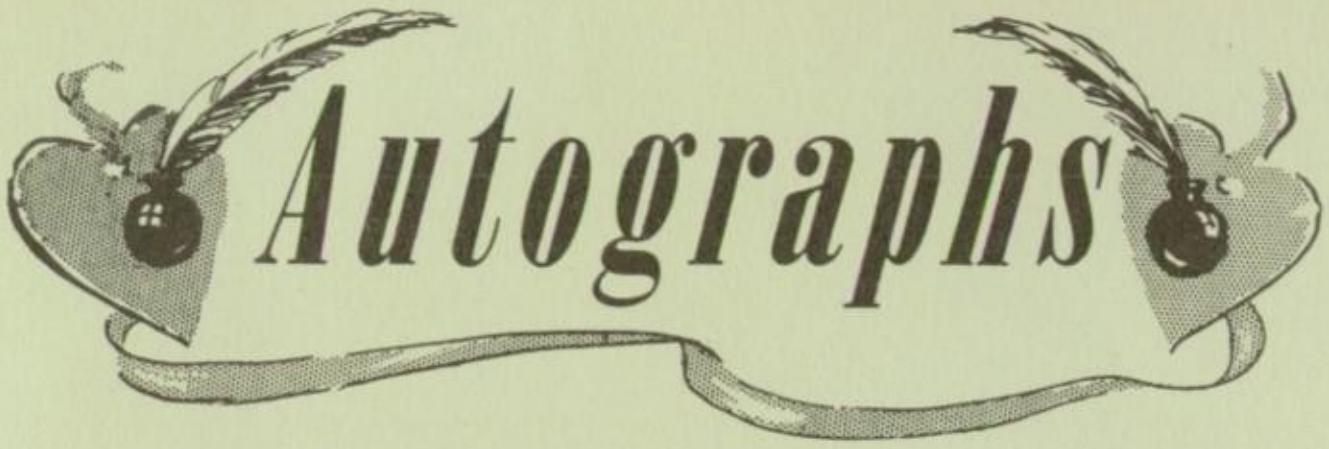
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